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THE THIRD PROGRESSIVE PARTY CONVENTION

1,800 pick Hallinan, Bass, challenge drive to war

"We meet in our third convention—when our enemies thought we would never live to see a second. We have launched our second national campaign for the Presidency—when the summer soldiers thought we could not survive a first. . . . What has kept us alive is that we do speak for the most insistent demands of the American people.

"Here in the cradle of third-party revolt in the Midwest, I have seen the Populists, the Non-Partisan League, La Follette and my own Farmer-Labor Party. None of these was able to achieve what we have—and against such odds: to launch a second significant national campaign.

"We who meet here are not afraid. We are the true believers in the Declaration of Independnce which has been an inspiration to peoples throughout the world. We apply it to all people everywhere in the world."

—Progressive Party natl. chairman and former Minnesota Gov. Elmer Benson, opening the PP Convention July 4, 1952.

By Cedric Belfrage

CHICAGO

SOME 5,000 reporters came to Chicago last week-end to write stuff about the U. S. A. getting itself a government this year. Before the show even started they were filing everything from worms'- to birds'-eye views of an air-conditioned circus and display of ancestor-worship put on in town by the Republicans. A few of them heard there was a story over at gaunt old Ashland Auditorium where people's delegates were putting together a people's program and nominating people's leaders to carry it through.

There was a story—a slightly unprintable one of democracy in action.

The story of the 3rd Progressive Party convention was the Americans who came. There were 1,797 delegates from 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, but there was not an ounce of fat on the roster of them this year—for the summer soldiers and unbelievers had wilted in the political heat and dropped away. It was indeed the hard core of progressive America that had passed hats to get to Chicago: the ones who can't be lied, twisted or suborned into betraying their heritage; who have passed the ordeal in the most merciless crucible to which free minds were ever subjected.

THE CHALLENGE: These people without fancy titles or page-one glamor, only with wisdom born of experience with their own plain folk, posed the only peaceful alternative offered to their country as a detour from catastrophe. They hurled it out as a challenge to those who would wreck America and the world by harnessing half of humanity to a program of war. And their challenge, like that of the Free Soilers of 100 years ago, who also "being few were many," rang with conviction that out of their numerically small stand a movement must and would surely grow to save America.

The challenge said: America wants peace. Its people are not wreckers and murderers. America will rise against the unlived life and have peace and plenty.

They said it without benefit of air-conditioning, this July 4 week-end, and they meant it. An Ohio delegate who has attended all the PP conventions said to me, after the tempestuous convention-hall scene as Vincent Hallinan and Charlotta Bass were nominated for President and Vice-President:

> **"I think we've grown into a political party instead of just a glamor party. We've grown out of our emphasis on leaders; this acclamation isn't for a man and woman whom we will follow, but for a man and woman who will move WITH us and speak FOR us. These people here are deadly serious; they feel each one the responsibility on them to find and chart a way out of this mess."**

NO MOURNING: There was no time to waste in sad reflection over lost leaders, over those of the fledgling '48 days who weren't there. There was a platform to be filled out and approved to save America from its own enemies within. The platform committee had drafted a preamble and a comprehensive program under the four headings: "Peace, the Mandate of the People"; "Jobs and Security for America"; "End America's Shame—Guarantee Full Civil Rights for the Negro People and Other Minorities"; "Restore Freedom to All Americans."

All of it was unanimously agreed on by the committee, representing all elements in the party. It was read to the convention by Katharine van Orden of New Jersey, John Abt of New York, Corliss Lamont of New York, Mrs. Marie Reed Haug of Ohio, Mel Mitchell of Ohio and Arthur Schutzer of New York. Opening it for discussion from the floor, convention chairman Vito Marcantonio

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Progressive Party platform

Main outline of the draft platform submitted to the convention was published in the GUARDIAN last week. The final platform including floor amendments was not yet ready when this issue went to press.

Only one section of the platform produced serious controversy on the floor: the insistence of Southern delegates, with the backing of most other delegations present, on a direct charge of genocide against the U. S. government within the meaning of the UN Genocide Convention, for its policies of discrimination and brutality against Negroes.

The platform committee had softened the original proposals to declare that these policies "approach" genocide as defined by UN. As a result of protests, the committee counter-proposed reconsideration of the section, but in the closing half-hour of the convention the remaining delegates pressed for inclusion of the original language. After a bitter crossfire between chairman Marcantonio and the protesting delegates, Mrs. Irma Henderson of Michigan resolved the impasse with a proposal, which was unanimously adopted, that the national committee bring delegations from the southern states north for deliberations to work out a satisfactory statement on government anti-Negro policies.

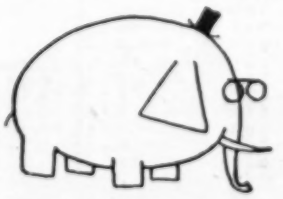
The people came and listened and talked up

This was the scene at Ashland Auditorium as Vito Marcantonio took over as permanent chairman and lifted the convention to its feet with a ringing call to American progressives to go on the offensive. There was no dissent.

WAR & PEACE

Flim-flam Gopocrat circus eyed by worried 'allies'

THE AMERICAN press last week whipped itself into a synthetic convention season frenzy surpassing any previous ersatz excitement in political history. A man from Mars, foolish enough to visit the Earth this July, might have brought away with him the impression that burning issues were being debated by the supporters of the Victorian Senator from Ohio and the Farflung General from Abilene.



Closer to home than Mars, Washington's allies, both in Europe and Asia were watching the Republican and Democratic conventions with avid interest. Describing "extraordinary global interest in the Republican convention," the N. Y. **Times'** chief foreign correspondent C. L. Sulzberger reported (7/6)

> **. . . a booklet explaining the American electoral system, published by the U. S. Embassy, received wide circulation in Britain. . . . The Italian press gave considerable space to the Taft-Eisenhower contest. . . . Some Bundestag officials were pleased by the postponement of the [general] ratification of the Bonn treaty until after the GOP convention, fearing a change in U. S. foreign policy if Taft were nominated and elected. . . . Yugoslav officials in Belgrade saw their future U. S. aid at stake in this year's balloting. . . . Chiang Kai-shek in Formosa, Syngman Rhee in South Korea and the Yoshida government in Japan indicated that they would be delighted were Senator Taft to be chosen. . . . Spain would also like to see the Ohioan nominated. . . .**

TAKE IT EASY: On the same page of the same issue the **Times'** chief diplomatic correspondent, the uninhibited James Reston, in effect told America's allies to relax—it's the same difference:

> **The surface impression, the headline impression of this pre-convention period has been misleading. For example, the Resolutions Committee here has been a model of unity. Every pronouncement from its members has reported agreement among all factions within the party. . . . Even the Foreign Relations Subcommittee has been able to reach agreement on language said to be acceptable both to Taft and Eisenhower. . . .**

He said that sections of the GOP platform indicated that the Republicans in power would in some ways "be even more internationalist, more interventionist overseas."

The **Wall St. Journal** (7/7) hazarded

> **. . . the guess that if Sen. Taft were President his conduct of foreign policy would not differ essentially from that which Mr. Eisenhower would adopt if he were President.**

GERMANY FIRST: As the midsummer madness proceeded, the Administration went methodically ahead pressuring its allies into line. It rushed through the Senate (77-5 and 72-5) ratification of the "peace contract" with Bonn and a protocol extending NATO's guarantees to West Germany. Thus the U. S.

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THE MAIL BAG

How draftees feel

CAMP ——, CALIF.

Enclosed is my renewal and a new sub for an army comrade.

There is much to report on the actions and feelings of draftees who have been uprooted and conscripted into the service. Even among men who have volunteered for service, the Army has failed to erase the human feelings, the sense of decency and responsibility that we have developed before coming in the service.

The story of Korea, as told by the guys who have been there, has yet to become public property. When it is told, there'll be hell to pay. Stateside, many instances deserve coverage, especially the struggle of the rank-and-file soldiers against segregation and other expressions of Jim Crow and white supremacist thinking. Although these cases are comparatively isolated, they far overshadow the half-hearted and hypocritical gestures of the Defense Dept and are indicative of the rising understanding among us.

A Draftee

Uncontainable

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I'm thankful that the Universe
Is flung so high and wide
The Pentagon can't reach around
To contain it for our side.
If it could, I have no doubt
John Foster Dulles would fly
To sign a Truman Astral Pact
For arming angels in the sky.

L. G.

Chicago's crooked cops

CHICAGO, ILL.

I am the wife of a Chicago cab driver. My husband has driven a taxi on the South Side for nearly 28 years. In the past two years we have suffered not only by his income being cut by high prices but also by shakedowns by the police. I am sure that if a poll were taken among cab drivers and motorists in the community my charge would be verified. The motive for purse-snatching and hold-up is money. Does it make the victim any happier to have his money snatched by officers of the law who are supposed to be protectors of the people?

For the police to extort money which is known as "breakfast money" from cab drivers who have to depend largely upon tips for a living is violence and a crime. These police threaten the drivers with having to appear in court and pay two or three times the amount of the shakedown. I dare not sign my name to this letter.

Name withheld

How crazy can you get dept.

Los Angeles school books were being examined for subversive material today as the Citizens Comm. on Education launched a drive against un-American influences in the schools. . . . 75 "reviewers" have been selected to read the books, but only 12 showed up for the briefing by a former L. A. C. of C. economist, Dr. V. O. Watts.

. . . [Dr. Watts] gave it as his opinion that "perhaps a good war is the way to world peace." . . . [Chairman] Mrs. Logan said she recently read a geography textbook which told how certain areas of Russia had the same climate and topography as some sections of the U. S., and grew the same products. She said she resented the fact that the book didn't point out that even if all these things were the same, the way of life was different.

—L. A. Daily News, May 15.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Aaron Rothblatt, North Hollywood.

The Piper pays

WEST MINERAL, KAN.

I just got your letter after a long, hard day's work. Am 83. Fact of the matter is I get so many letters from New York wanting money for one thing or another that I often wish a lot of them had never heard of me. I always had to get my dollars the hard way. But I do want the GUARDIAN to go on. Enclosed find $2. R. J. Piper

"Organic" farming

BLOOMINGBURG, N. Y.

Recently a book by Edward Hyams, **Soil and Civilization**, appeared which I would recommend to a writer on farming and land policy.

In the past few years it has become increasingly accepted that the soil is a living body and subject to the same laws as other living bodies. It is the chemist, spurred on by the grants of the capitalist chemical industry, who disregards these laws of living. And the farmer, in turn caught in the capitalist net of finance, had to accept the exploitation of his land by the chemist. To give away free chemical fertilizer to the farmer, as Elmer Benson suggests, would temporarily increase the quantity of food produced, at the expense of quality, but would in the long run ruin the farmer and the rest of the nation. We must find a more permanent solution which can maintain and even increase food production, and reverse the present trend which is becoming more and more rapid, toward lower food quality. If the grants of the chemical industries can be matched with equal facilities for research by organizations interested in the welfare of the nation as a whole, and not only with the financial returns of one industry, then research on these lines will proceed rapidly.

At a meeting of the Farmer's Union April 22, Archie Wright, our N. Y. State president, told us of the close relationship of farm prices and the soil exhaustion the farmer is forced to practice. We were also told of new ways of farming, called "organic" farming, without chemicals or poison spray of any sort. This can be practiced by every farmer now, and does not have to wait for any official farm program. Many studies, many books and periodicals are now available, like the Organic Farmer, Emmaus, Pa., which tell of the remarkable success many farmers have had with this method, and the freedom from disease they have achieved in their crops and livestock. H. E. Lobstein

Wall St. Journal

"Well, in a way, it's a two week vacation. . . . I take a week and then the boss takes a week. . . ."

One man's efforts

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

I read every letter to the GUARDIAN. They sing the praises of the GUARDIAN, and in this cannot be too eloquent. I also read your constant appeals for increased circulation and support. To me there seems some contradiction here. Let me explain.

Since the day I saw the first preview copy, I find I have sent in 55 checks for a total of $575.75 for subs, donations and bundle orders representing largely my own efforts and initiative. I would be loath to mention this except to suggest that more GUARDIAN lovers set their lyrics to such music.

If the GUARDIAN get proper support through subs, all the kindred causes, such as peace, civil rights, the various defense actions, the Progressive Party, and so forth, get greater support as a matter of course. Wm. Reynolds

Anybody agree?

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

I don't know if this sounds novel to you or not, but I am just about prepared to vote for the Republicans this fall, so they can pull out the props from the faltering economic system, and let the whole thing come crashing down. Then we'll have to introduce social legislation, not from choice but from necessity. Charles J. Smith

Poof!

CHICAGO, ILL.

"Although the U.S. is driving ahead to re-arm the Germans, there is an Allied commission in Germany, still functioning, whose purpose it is to prevent any emergence of German armed power, arms manufacture, and militarism. This duality is very much like the case of the chameleon which, when placed on various materials, faithfully took on the color of each, until he was set on a strip of plaid, whereupon, as the tale has it, he burst." WORLD INTERPRETER, May 16, 1952. Dr. Ralph R. Sackley

For Leo Price

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

This contribution to your summer fund drive is made in memory of Leo Price. That he shared your ideals is both a tribute to him and to your wonderful paper. Because he was near 60 and in poor health, he was forced to hold on to his government job at the price of silence. It is a tragic comment that only at his death can we make known his humanism and his democratic sympathies, expressed in his support of the GUARDIAN and the Progressive Party. We, who survive him, pledge in his memory to continue our fight for the progressive America that he believed in. Hedwig, Lola & Joe Price

Good reason, good luck!

CHICAGO, ILL.

This is just a note to let you know why a check is not immediately forthcoming. In my opinion, there is not a better way in which I could spend money (if I had money to spend) than to guarantee the continued publication of our fighting newspaper. Inasmuch as my husband is a steelworker presently on strike, and I work for a "progressive organization" also struggling for funds, we are at the moment having a hard time figuring out how to eat regularly. Meanwhile, we are constantly on the alert to find new subscribers, too.

Marjorie G. Wright Kelley

REPORT TO READERS

One simple axiom

IF THIS ISSUE reaches you a day late it's probably because we postponed it for 24 hours to bring you as complete news-and-picture coverage as possible of the Third Progressive Party Convention. We know that—with a few honorable exceptions—you won't get the coverage any place else. Some papers did give the convention space: the N. Y. **Post**, for example, which sent a cheap sneer expert out to Chicago for a 1,000-word piece of sewer journalism. For the rest you needed a magnifying glass, and sometimes even that didn't help because there was nothing to magnify. The N. Y. **Times** sent a sometimes foreign correspondent who seemed to have worked diligently copying names off the program—and precious little else. For the important events the **Times** slipped into the comforting somnolescence of three or four inches of **AP**.

THIS IS NOT WRITTEN in bitterness. On the GUARDIAN we learned a long time ago what some other people are still learning: that you can't have a progressive movement without a progressive press—and William Randolph Hearst Jr. will never learn to love us.

BUT a lot of people DO love us; our own Chicago contingent found that out at the jam-packed GUARDIAN get-together and brought back stories that made the rest of us feel pretty darn good, to coin a feeling. It was an old-fashioned bull session and the plain folk from all over the lot told us what they like in the paper, what they'd like to see more of and what they don't like (see p. 5).

We asked the people to help us broaden our admittedly thin regional coverage, and to take the place of the paid correspondents we can't afford to hire. We want to make this YOUR paper as much as we possibly can; but we need your cooperation. So the invitation that went out in Chicago is hereby extended to all of you.

IF YOU FEEL a little shy on the editorial side, there is a whopping big job still to be done—the biggest job of all: getting new subs and getting absent-minded subscribers to renew. That's the life blood of the paper. The more GUARDIAN readers, the more votes the Progressive Party will get next November. That's as simple an axiom as it is true. So we won't add another word.

Next week we'll round out the PP Convention coverage. For this week we think Dr. DuBois and Cedric Belfrage have done a splendid job of stating and reporting the issues. —THE EDITORS

A letter from the Death House

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Julius Rosenberg from a death cell in Sing Sing prison on a column by the N. Y. "Post's" Max Lerner in which Lerner accused the "communists" of injecting the issue of anti-Semitism in the Rosenberg case where, he said, none existed. The column appeared the day after an overflow Rosenberg Defense meeting in Brooklyn.

JUNE 24, 1952.

I have read Max Lerner's column appearing in the June 19 issue of the N. Y. Post. Most of us remember how the basis for Nazism was laid—by the Goebbels technique of propaganda. Attack the communist and Jew, and then there are no limits: lies, brutality, genocide, liquidation of all opposition, socialists, trade unionists, Catholics, Free Masons and democrats.

The incredible charges against me and my wife, the hysterical trial, the unprecedented sentence which has placed us here, a few death cells apart in Sing Sing—these are a long stride along the awful road to genocide.

Mr. Lerner is guilty of the very things with which he charges the Committee to Secure Justice in our case. He presents no facts. Instead he shouts Red. No mention is made of the undemocratic action which denied the use of the Brooklyn Academy of Music for a public meeting. No mention is made of any of the real issues: the lack of a fair and impartial trial, the lack of even one shred of evidence to substantiate any change against us, the obvious motives of the self-confessed spies in doing the bidding of the prosecution as their part in a deal to frame us.

And then the gentleman asks us to prove we are not guilty. This is not the way our system of justice operates. It is the duty of the District Attorney to prove beyond a reasonable doubt with hard, incontrovertible facts that we are guilty.

Remember, Mr. Lerner, only recently you were denied the right to speak at a University because it was alleged you were a red. You cannot buy immunity by joining the conformists in their political pogroms against decent people everywhere and particularly against progressives.

I know why you howled over the Brooklyn meeting. You howled because you were confronted with visible evidence that the American people, the Jews of Brooklyn, who have not forgotten the lessons of Hitlerism, are rallying to the support of the Committee in its fight to rectify the miscarriage of justice in our case, and are rejecting your kind of poisonous propaganda.

Today my wife and I are the innocent victims of the political climate because, Mr. Lerner, the Justice Department has concentration camps all ready for tomorrow—for thousands more like us—and for you as well.

Julius Rosenberg

Worried 'allies' keep eye on Chicago

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became the first Allied power to take Bonn fully to its bosom; the others have been notoriously slow in proceeding to final action. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Connally said the

> . . . prompt action would encourage other members to follow the example (N. Y. Times, 7/2).

Britain, which had banned military exports to Spain after the UN resolution of 1946 against the Franco government, "lifted her embargo on the export of certain military equipment to Spain" (UP 7/2).

Gabriel in Daily Worker, London

"Now, M. Duclos, we caught you absolutely in the act—so won't you tell us what the act was?"

In Paris the Court of Appeals freed CP secy. gen. Jacques Duclos, ruling that he had been held illegally for five weeks. The embarrassed government indicated that it would pursue its own "Smith Act" course further, seek to get the Assembly by a majority vote to lift Deputy Duclos' immunity.

JAPAN—EASY PICKINGS: In Japan, **Overseas News Agency** reported:

> Ultra-rightists are returning to find the prospects suprisiugly to their liking.

Pre-war societies, according to government reports, were rapidly regaining their former members. Mamoru Shigemitsu — Tojo's wartime foreign minister, signer of the Japanese surrender in 1945 and "first of the major war criminals to complete a sentence" (N. Y. Times 6/25)—and the "purged" politician Ichiro Hatoyama, had become formidable opponents of Premier Yoshida. Shigemitsu, backed by big business, was elected head of the reactionary Progressive Party. He outlined a program of rearmament with butter, reduction in income and business taxes.

DENMARK HOLDS FIRM: In the spirit of American Independence last week one small nation stood its ground: Denmark announced that it would go through with its contractual agreement with the Soviet Union and deliver on schedule a 13,000-ton tanker—this in face of warnings from Washington that it might be cut off from all U. S. economic and military aid. Blandly stating that

> . . . we fully understand the motives and sentiments which prompted the U. S. protest. . . .

Foreign Minister Kraft pointed out that the ship was contracted for three years before the 1951 U. S. Battle Act which says that no nation which ships strategic goods to Russia or its allies can receive U. S. aid. He said further that the Danes would proceed with another ship the Russians had paid for.

Truce talk in secret stage; Rhee's police state goes on

At Panmunjom truce negotiations were proceeding in secret on new proposals by North Korean Gen. Nam Il. U. S. spokesmen were unusually temperate in their comments, as the U. S. high command admitted extremely heavy casualties as the result of stepped-up ground activities.

In Pusan, S. Korean President Rhee crushed his opposition with ruthless methods and without further protest from Washington. On June 30 he handed the South Korean Assembly an ultimatum:

> It must accept his proposed constitutional changes [to perpetuate himself in office despite majority opposition] or he will dissolve the body (AP, 6/30).

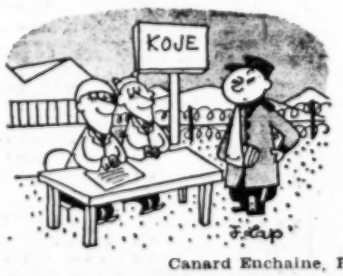
On July 3, 20,000 police rounded up opposition Assemblymen who had been in hiding—boycotting the House—and even brought in 11 legislators jailed by Rhee a month ago for a "red plot," in order to form a voting quorum. On July 4, after a meeting from which newspapermen were barred and despite the House Speaker's complaint that "it would appear Korea was a police state," the Assembly voted—163 to 0, with 3 abstensions—for a constitutional change allowing Rhee to be elected by the people instead of by the Assembly.

The significance of Rhee's victory was that, under stringent police control and intimidation by youth (read: hoodlum) societies, with opposition leaders dead or in hiding, any popular election would be a "Ja" vote.

FOR A QUICK DRINK: During the ruckus Gen. Van Fleet, chief of U. S. forces in Korea, flew to Pusan "apparently to watch developments at first hand." He did not see Rhee, but he got to a cocktail party at U. S. Ambassador Muccio's residence, left the following morning to watch Chinese prisoners being transferred to Cheju Island.

The indifference of the U. S. to the mounting death toll was not shared in India. At a public meeting in New Delhi, Prime Minister Nehru, commented on the Yalu bombings (renewed last week):

> "It is very strange that this dangerous step . . . should be taken when serious attempts are being made at Panmunjom for a truce and cease fire. . . . If such steps continue to be taken . . . war may spread to China and lead to a world conflagration."



Canard Enchaine, Paris

"Well, where do YOU want to go?"
"To the hospital."

NOISE

THE LATTIMORE AFFAIR

State Dept. spilled by a tipsy stool

LAST June 3 the State Dept. issued a secret order to its customs agents not to permit Prof. Owen Lattimore, Johns Hopkins University faculty member and a chief target of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wisc.) and the China Lobby, to leave the country. Later in the month the Baltimore **Sun** learned of the travel ban and reported it. On June 20 the State Dept. publicly admitted the order, said it was based on an "allegation" from an "official source" that Lattimore was arranging for a trip to the Soviet Union, admitted also that it hadn't asked Lattimore if it was true.

Lattimore told reporters he planned to go nowhere, called the story "nonsense." But because of the prominence given Lattimore in two years of unrelenting attack—he recently underwent a grueling 12-day inquisition before the Senate's McCarran Internal Security subcommittee—the story was treated as a sensation in the nation's press.

ALCOHOLIC FANTASY: By June 24 the full story began to unfold: on that day an "authoritative Justice Dept. official" called the report of Lattimore's trip "wholly unfounded," revealed that it had been passed on to the FBI and the State Dept. by the top-secret, free-wheeling Central Intelligence Agency from a source "previously reliable." Next day in Seattle a federal grand jury was being convened to question the informant.

On June 27 he was revealed as Harry A. Jarvinen, a travel agency executive. Finnish-born, he had been an informer for the CIA. The grand jury indicted him on two counts of giving false information to a federal agency. The story: he had been at a social party late in May at which there had been "excessive drinking.' A CIA agent had attended. His lawyer admitted:

> "He did make some statement at a social gathering when he was a bit tipsy and a CIA agent was there."

ANTI-RAT ACTIVITIES: Jarvinen gave reporters an insight into the informer's way of thinking; he told them:

> "Whether the charge against me is true or false is beside the point, but I think the government is wrong to indict me. Few people will risk their necks giving information to the government now. Such information should always be confidential whether true or false."

Next day the State Dept. publicly lifted the travel ban against Lattimore, sent him a letter of apology for the "embarrassment" he had been caused. He accepted the apology, but had some strong words about government-by-informer.

Last week Sen. McCarran's Senate Judiciary Committee made public a long report calling Lattimore a "conscious, articulate instrument of the Soviet conspiracy," turned over to the Justice Dept. what it called the basis for five charges of perjury; the Department promised "prompt consideration."

Lattimore called the report "untrue and . . . supported by no creditable evidence." For the perjury charges he had one word: "fantastic."

Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch

"Quite an idol we've built up."

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AN IMPARTIAL GERM WAR INQUIRY?

What the Red Cross reported on Buchenwald

IN a familiar demonstration of arm-twisting skill, the U. S. last month succeeded in shunting out of the Security Council a Soviet proposal calling on all member nations to ratify the Geneva Convention of 1925 outlawing the use of bacteriological weapons. The U.S. alone among the great powers has refused to ratify.

In face of pleas by its allies to declare that it would not use BW unless an enemy used it first, the U. S. refused, called for an investigation on-the-spot in Korea by the Intl. Committee of the Red Cross of charges by the North Koreans and Chinese that it was using BW in Korea.

Last March the North Koreans rejected a similar proposal on the ground that the Intl. Red Cross was incompetent as an investigatory body. Last week in the Security Council Soviet delegate Malik raised similar objections as U. S. delegate Gross scoffed.

To the GUARDIAN office last week came a copy of **Voix Ouvriere** (Workers' Voice) of Geneva, organ of the Swiss Labor Party (6/29/52). It had excerpted an official report of an investigation by the Intl. Committee of the Red Cross of the Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald. This is the camp where, the Nuremberg Trials revealed, 55,000 "internees" were murdered in various ways by the Germans, many of them after suffering torture, starvation, medical experimentation.

Following are a few sections of the Red Cross report, dated February, 1945, a few months before American troops liberated the 25,000 human skeletons still alive at the camp:

"On their arrival the internees undergo a medical examination; their clothing is taken and sterilized. Then they are shaved and bathed in places equipped with modern, sanitary facilities.

"Things go well at the Buchenwald camp, morale is excellent. In the morning, one is given a demi-liter (pint) of coffee, 400 grams of bread, a little fat, a sizeable piece of sausage or something similar. At noon, during the rest period pints of coffee are distributed. Finally, on their return from work at about 5:30, internees receive a good substantial soup.

"They [sanitary facilities] are excellent: every day a medical visit. There are many doctors and a hospital. In short, one would think he is with his regiment.

"Amusements: complete liberty within the camp every Sunday afternoon. That evening is touched off with various performances. The internees have developed a theatrical company."

"THINGS GO WELL AT BUCHENWALD CAMP . . ."
Gen. Eisenhower asked these Congressmen to take a look in '45

W. E. B. DuBOIS' KEYNOTE ADDRESS

'We cry aloud to those sleeping in the wilderness, awake, awake...'

Following are major excerpts from the Keynote Address delivered by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois before the Progressive Party Convention in Chicago July 4:

THE platform of the Progressive Party may be reduced to these planks: Peace; Stop the Korean War; Offer Friendship to the Soviet Union an China; Restore and Rebuild the United States.

War is a vicious human habit, a throw-back to primeval barbarism, an anachronism which shames religion and retards civilization. War is the supreme disaster. There is nothing worse.

This America of ours, hope of our dreams, refuge of mankind, today appears as the greatest warmonger of all history. No foreign foe has touched or threatened our shores; no nation has planned our destruction. Our economy is sound unless we let war upset it; our technique is unsurpassed; our ability and talent have all the possibilities of the most favored nations of men. Why then have we world control at the cost of national impoverishment, moral ruin and the hate of mankind?

We seek to assure ourselves that our present hysteria is caused solely by the designs of the U.S.S.R., a nation separated from us by the width of the world, which has never attacked us, never taken our territory, but who, some of us believe, is so determined to ruin us that in sheer defense we must ruin ourselves. Yet Dulles, Eisenhower, Bradley and Acheson admit between warnings that the Soviet Union has at present no plans for war; leaders of industry during the past year have questioned the imminence of Russian aggression.

BACK of this belief lies the propaganda of a group of business men in America who seek to revive a system of world industry long since doomed to extinction. Under this system, a class within a nation, or a whole nation, lived in comfort, luxury and power on the land and labor of other classes or peoples too poor, too ignorant and too sick to resist.

This system, under its various forms of slave trade, chattel slavery, serfdom, class structure, colonialism and centralized regulation of prices and markets, has existed so long, yielded such fabulous profits, and supported such high civilization among a favored few, that many men believe that the subjection of most men to a powerful few is inevitable, and that its disappearance would mean the end of civilization as we now know it.

The attempt of Hitler and Mussolini, joined by Japan, to change the face of colonial imperialism, so threatened the western world that we were glad to accept the help of the new Soviet Union, which we had once joined 15 other nations to overthrow. The Soviets laid down 17 million lives and billions of their new industry to save us from Fascism.

Here dawned the opportunity to face a new world; not necessarily a world of complete socialism or of unregulated private capitalism, but a world based on good will and scientific inquiry into work and income as affecting human progress. This effort, earnestly undertaken by Franklin Roosevelt, was overturned completely by Harry Truman as the tool of Big Business.

The United States wheeled into line as leader of a renewed colonial imperialism. Roosevelt held it back. But our foreign investments rose from two billions at the dawn of the 20th century to 15 billions today. Add to this the far larger domestic investment in war industry, and we see the huge pledge we have in a third World War.

To buttress and protect this vast investment, our leaders have gradually allied this nation with tyrants and scoundrels; with American dictators like Diaz and Trujillo; with Chiang Kai-shek, Bao Dai and Syngman Rhee in Asia, with Malan in Africa.

WHEN China rose miraculously from the dead, Truman Democrats and Republican Senators refused to recognize new China as a nation, permitted Chiang still to speak for her, and let him support a China lobby on our own funds to influence Congress. We bought up the great business monopolies of Japan and those which the Japanese had seized in Korea. We encouraged civil war in Korea so as to recapture lost China.

In Korea the U.S. has committed every atrocity that man ever did to man. We have destroyed industry, farms and homes, poured millions of gallons of flaming gasoline on shrieking men, women and children and turned a helpless nation into a stinking desert. A stupid and callous administration with a careless wave of the hand murders and cripples 100,000 young Americans without consent of Congress, with no popular vote, as "a little police action" to recapture China, to warn the Soviet Union, to help enslave Asia and Africa for the profit of American capital.

Facing a world-wide upsurge of labor, a revolt of the darker races, and a refusal to believe that the majority of men must be poor, ignorant and sick in order that industry and civilization may progress, the U.S. has apparently placed itself at the head of reaction.

Is there any real threat which justifies this? There is not. But never in modern history has it been so difficult for the average citizen to obtain an honest picture of mankind and its deeds as today in the United States of America. Faced by an extraordinary number of liars, traitors and professional informers and by distortions and omissions in all the organs of public opinion, it is increasingly difficult for the average honest citizen to know the truth.

No American today can rise from his morning newspaper, much less his evening tabloid, without feeling sick and disgusted, not merely with what is happening, but with what he does not know and cannot find out.

First of all, it is clear that the people of the U.S. as distinguished from the military hierachy, the political reaction and the business interests, do not want war. Moreover, it is clear that we cannot have war and survive as a progressive democracy for the simple reason that war costs too much. There are certain things which this nation needs to do and to do now, and they cost money. Boast as we will, our standard of living is falling.

WE need to raise the general level of wages and maintain employment by lowering and equalizing taxation and controlling prices. We need to provide security for old age and for the unemployed, and to do this without putting these unfortunates in jail, as Eisenhower once advised.

We need social medicine and health conservation for all, and insurance at cost, not for profit. We need housing and slum clearance under public control. We need help for agriculture by scientific guidance and we need power and flood control to stop our annual ruin of farms and homes. We need to rescue education from its rapid deterioration; elementary education, free and compulsory, without the inexcusable waste of separate racial schools.

W. E. B. DuBOIS
One platform stands for security

We need training for industrial skills and for the learned professions, and wide adult education for all. We need education in science and art; we need philanthropic guidance to control crime and delinquency and to defend the accused; we need public recreation, with art and drama, not solely for private profit but for the public good.

The present Congress has appropriated billions of dollars, and 85% is for war. And only 5 billions for all the uses I have pointed out. Stop war and start spending 85% of our income for human uplift and not for murder.

This is the day of all days when we need the leadership of science in history, psychology and sociology, and this is the day that most social scientists are deaf and dumb. College presidents can be depended upon to render service to any cause from universal military training to ousting professors who dare think at the command of the industrial leaders who dominate their trustee boards.

Our grandchildren will use far harsher words than mine to describe this age as the most shameful in all our history, the most inexcusable, unjust and hateful, as a time when we sacrified our own self-respect in order to get rich.

THIS is our plight. What can we do about it? We can vote. The U.S., no matter how curtailed our rights are becoming, still retains some powers of democracy.

Let us look at the candidates. If you want peace, do not elect to the Presidency a man trained for war. If you want war, elect Eisenhower as President because war is all he knows.

We see in modern corporate wealth the most dangerous power ever loosed on mankind. It is above and beyond the law. Robert Taft represents corporate wealth, both as a lawyer and as a property owner. If this is the type of man you decide to give the vast power of the Presidency, you might as well replace Congress with the National Assn. of Manufacturers and declare these truths to be self-evident, that employers have the right to fix wages, and that all property is the gift of God.

Whom else can you elect? Who, what, and why is Stassen? Do we want television vaudeville in Kefauver, or shall Russell represent the pro-slavery south and the Georgia Light & Power Company? Complete the sorry list with Warren and his never-fulfilled promises to age and labor; Kerr in oil; Stevenson, coy and silent; and Harriman, heir of railway manipulation, who helped European capital regain its grip on labor, and American capital to fasten its claws on Europe. And finally, the unspeakable menace of more Truman—or even of that old soldier who is dead and does not know it.

THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY is your only alternative for doing what the world must do. And that is, stop war and control the power of corporate wealth over the production and distribution of goods, and over telling the truth.

We are not devils. We do not will evil. Most Americans damand the end and the end now of this senseless war in Korea. Our labor unions are beginning to speak out. The American Negroes are declaring that war destroys civil rights, lowers wages and stops housing. Our platform and ours alone stands for security.

We say to American business: Peace, be still. We cry aloud to those sleeping in the wilderness, awake, awake, put on thy strength O Zion, put on thy beautiful robes!

THE HALLINANS ACCEPT FOR FATHER
Kayo, Mrs. Vivian and Butch acknowledge the delegates' cheers on the platform after the nomination. Butch, who made a speech too, pledged himself and his five brothers to help their father.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

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said:

"Unlike the Republican and Democratic parties, the discussion of the platform is a very important part of our convention."

And it was. Delegates vied for recognition by the chair to speak their pieces. Nearly all had something important to say to make it better than the committee had made it. Nobody wanted to water the draft program down; all came to the microphones to strengthen it, to show where it failed to spell out clearly enough the issues as the people see them. The delegates had so much to say that when the time allotted for program discussion had expired they were still speaking on amendments to the preamble. Here were the American men and women of every national and racial origin, farmer and worker, small businessmen and intellectual and professional, who had rolled up their sleeves and wanted America to know it.

"SPELL IT OUT": Discussion on the peace platform got into high gear when Arthur Takei, Nisei delegate from California, led six young Nisei from Eastern and Western states on to the platform and brought the house down with his appeal for more specific recognition of the fight of Asian-Americans for the right to immigration and naturalization. Takei wanted the platform to spell out that racism is the basis of the whole war drive, and to spell out the implications of McCarran concetration camps now ready for nonconformists in an "emergency":

"If you have illusions that concentration camps are impossible in this country, do not tell it to my people. We lived in them for four years, 100,000 of us."

Irwin Zuckermandel of Pennsylvania, just back from the Korean War, introduced a resolution in behalf of "the men who are doing the fighting," who "want no part of it" and see far more clearly than is realized at home the role of profit-hungry corporations in keeping the war going. Negro delegate Ray Cox of California insisted that war would never end until white Americans joined up to end "the war against the Negro people that has been going on for 300 years in America." Mike Walker, Negro delegate from Milwaukee, urged more emphasis on the tinderbox of Africa where Washington policies threaten to bring "other Koreas even if the present fighting ends." George Jackson, Negro delegate from New Jersey, pointed out that mention must be made of the suffering Koreans in addition to the U.S. casualties. And said John Marshall in a down-to-earth message from Ohio:

"The people don't just want this war ended, but immediate withdrawal of all our armed forces from Asia. A resolution calling for this will be a real resolution for peace emphasizing how we are responsible for the violence by insisting on using force where we don't have any business to be. Every American you meet agrees with us when we say: Let's get the hell out of where we don't belong."

A PLEDGE FROM IOWA: The speakers were predominantly young, and the proportion of women and especially of Negro men and women who made forceful and mature contributions to the platform was notable even for Progressive Party discussions. Signs of new leadership coming up from the people were clear not only in what they chose to say in the few minutes allotted them but in the eloquent way many said it.

When a New York woman delegate pointed out the draft platform's shortcoming on the question of growing anti-Semitism and its implications for every citizen, Edna Griffin, Negro chairwoman of the Iowa delegation, made a simple and deeply moving appeal to all American women to join the fight for justice for the Rosenbergs:

"I speak as just a little woman in respect to ability to deal with the problems that face us. But we women have got to bring to the people the message of the shame of the Rosenberg case, and of all the cases in our land where children are losing their parents because they fight for righteousness. I pledge that Point No. 1 when I get home will be to call a meeting for Mrs. Bass, and Point No. 2 to call a meeting for the Rosenbergs. I pledge to go to every woman I know in one organization or another to ask that this be put on the agenda."

"GO INTO THE CHURCHES": A score of delegates voiced demands for full rights for Negroes and other minorities now, for present victims of discrimination—an end to empty talk about equality "later on" if present victims would live and die waiting patiently for tomorrows that do not come. Caesar Bell, a minister from Kentucky, pleaded

". . . in the name of God, not for any special privilege to anybody, but that our people will just act on the words of Jesus Christ that they should do unto others as they would have others do to them."

From Gwendolyn Seward of Maryland, who urged "my white sisters to go into the churches to show this is a fight for all of us," came this suggestion to Negro women delegates:

"When the FBI come, as they did to me last week, don't shut the door. Ask them in and tell them the history of your people and that you're going to go on fighting till they get full rights."

AT A CONVENTION PANEL SESSION

There was work to do and the delegates dug right in

MRS. BASS ACCEPTS THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

Here she is greeted by Vito Marcantonio, Thelma Dale, asst. campaign manager, and C. B. Baldwin (behind mikes), PP secretary. Mrs. Bass said an FEPC law was high up on her must list of things to do.

STEEL RESOLUTION: Labor leaders were scarce but rank-and-file union delegates more than made up for the reluctance of leadership, particularly the group from auto and steel in Michigan. A resolution supporting the steel strikers, introduced by the GUARDIAN's Sidney Ordower, chairman of Chicago's Council on Labor Unity, was seconded by a Negro steel striker from Indiana, and carried unanimously.

Oscar Smilack of Ohio, one of a number of small-businessman delegates, told perhaps the most shocking story of political victimization, describing how he was committed to an insane asylum after he had been "denounced" as a contributor of funds to the Communist Party (GUARDIAN, June 26). He told how his eyes were opened to the suffering of the Negro people when two Negroes in the asylum were "brutally beaten, knocked on the floor and kicked" before his eyes.

POINTS BY MARC: The most-heard-from delegation was the lively group of 102 from California, headed by the California IPP's Jack Berman and Reuben W. Borough, veteran of the "Epic" campaigns and candidate for the U.S. Senate, who made the first nominating speech for Hallinan. Major speeches were made by PP natl. chairman Elmer Benson of Minnesota, natl. co-chairman Paul Robeson, Illinois PP chairman Robert Morss Lovett, New Jersey PP chairman James Imbrie, PP secy. C. B. Baldwin, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois (see p. 4), Michigan's Rev. Charles A. Hill, and former N.Y. Congressman Vito Marcantonio. These points in Marcantonio's politico-historic analysis of America drew special applause:

- (Recalling his lone opposition to the Korean War in Congress in June, 1950): "If the choice were given me again I would again make the same preference, to be able to stand here today as an ex-Congressman, vindicated by events."
- (On the Democratic record on FEPC): "When the Republicans rested there came from the White House itself an order to accept a toothless, brainless, legless, armless, blind, boneless and disemboweled FEPC, which had been killed before it was born. . . . I am proud to report that my bill on FEPC was the first in the history of this country."
- (On Eisenhower): "His brazen statement that FEPC is a matter for the States to decide, plus his confessed ignorance on the subject, place him on the dunce stool with the Rankins of Mississippi. . . ."
- (On labor leaders): "Despite the breast-beating of the Phil Murrays and other so-called leaders of labor, who have sought to cover up their supine surrender . . . by their fulminations against communism, the fact is that peace in Korea and world peace are the best defense of the living standards and union rights of American labor."
- (On political witch-hunts): "We said in 1948 and we repeat now that 'the first line of defense of American democracy is the defense of the constitutional rights of the Communist Party.'"

The convention was heartened by news on July 4 that the Federal Communications Comm. upheld PP charges against four radio-TV networks, based on their refusal to grant time to the convention. The networks were ordered to interrupt their programs with a minimal nation-wide coverage. Quarter- and half-hour convention programs were carried by all networks.

The Guardian Get-together

THE concern of progressive Americans about their own weekly paper was warmly demonstrated at the "National Guardian Get-Together" in the East Room of the convention hall Friday. Although many delegations had not yet arrived, some 300 delegates crowded the room to meet, hear from and talk back to the GUARDIAN's John T. McManus, Leon Summit, Theodora Peck, Robert E. Light, George Evans, Isabel Van Frank, Mary Williamson, and Cedric Belfrage who invited free and frank comments.

The session lasted two hours, and valuable suggestions and criticism—plus lavish (and, we hope, deserved) praise for the GUARDIAN's role in the progressive movement—came from trade unionists, housewives, farmers and every kind of reader.

The participants were a geographical and functional cross-section of GUARDIAN readership in every state. Discussion covered a wide range of topics from lateness of delivery in the West, headline style and inadequacy of sectional coverage to the advisability—from the standpoint of putting the paper in the hands of the unconvinced—of publishing cartoons from the London **Daily Worker.** A show of hands on the latter point overwhelmingly favored publication of good cartoons no matter what the source. The sense of the meeting seemed to be that the GUARDIAN should above all continue to speak out, sticking to facts and using the best possible documentation, and let the chips fall where they may.

GUARDIAN staffers outlined some of the paper's problems, urged reader-delegates to help improve our news coverage by seeing that their organizations appoint a member to supply us with local news and pictures. Broad extension of this co-operative progressive effort would enhance the paper's value to the movement.

A UAW member from Lansing, Mich., said afterwards:

"I was just saying to my wife—imagine our local rag calling the readers together to say what they think about it."

Holdridge dissents

Brig. Gen. Herbert A. Holdridge, now running as Vegetarian Party Presidential candidate after an unsuccessful attempts to get in the California Democratic primary, harangued PP convention delegates from a sound truck outside the hall on Saturday. He charged the PP with denying him the right to speak and with being a "dictatorship" run by a "small clique" in "smoke-filled rooms," whose program would not attain peace but further endanger it.

The impression on delegates, who had spent most of the day actively participating in the platform discussion, seemed nil. The PP had invited any group of ten Americans subscribing to its basic principles to nominate a convention delegate. Gen. Holdridge's constructive statements for peace have been reported in the GUARDIAN.

THE NATION

82d Congress dies in arms $$ hassle

THE 82d Congress died quietly last week with most members watching the GOP convention in Chicago or via television, while Senate-House conference committees haggled over the last million to be spent for military purposes. Originally scheduled to expire at the week-end, the session continued throughout Saturday night, reconvened Monday.

Sticking points were demands to restore part of a cut in atomic energy funds; the entire $4,000,000 rivers rivers and harbors bill which had been omitted. Conferees compromised by raising the atomic energy sum to $2,898,800,000 (slightly under the original request), putting the rivers projects off with a promise of action next Congress. To Senators who argued that dams would help atomic-bomb building, Appropriations Committee Chairman McKellar (D-Tenn.) said:

> "I have voted for every dam project in the country. I can assure the Senator he needn't have any doubt he will have my support when his dam bill comes up."

UP, UP AND UP: Facing expiration of old controls legislation, Congress passed and sent to the White House a new law extending all wage controls and some price controls, but removing lids at once on all processed fruits and vegetables. The forecast was for higher prices on milk for consumers, on fertilizer for farmers, and rent boosts for 6,000,000 families—all but those protected by local controls or living in critical defense areas.

President Truman signed the bill because, he said, it permitted more arms production and the "orderly distribution of scarce materials through the International Materials Conference (super-cartel formed under the war program). Of the effect on prices the President, who favored extension of present controls, said:

> "The housewife will be exposed to higher prices on fully 20% of her market basket."

THANKS! The **Wall St. Journal**, opposed to any controls, called the new law a "murky mess" and a piece of

Daily News, Los Angeles

"Oh, boy, what I could do with all that stuff!"

"hocus-pocus." The **Journal of Commerce** queried industrialists, found them "delighted." The Grocery Manufacturers of America said: "The trade is grateful."

In a rider the new law trims the power of the Wage Stabilization Board, causing AFL and CIO leaders to talk of walking out again. Industrialists, with an eye on rank-and-file restlessness rather than labor leaders' threats, told the **Journal of Commerce** that they worried about labor's cooperation.

THE LAW

Mrs. Yates jailed—wouldn't inform

IN Los Angeles last week Oleta O'Connor Yates, one of 14 defendants in the Smith Act trial there, was under an indeterminate jail sentence on five counts of contempt of court for refusing to answer prosecution questions about Communist Party membership of others; for nearly ten days she had freely answered all questions concerning her own actions and views as a CP leader but insisted she would not turn informer:

> "However many times I am asked and in however many forms, to identify a person as a Communist, I can't bring myself to do it, because I know it means loss of job, I know that it means persecution for them and their families, I know that it even opens them up to possible illegal violence, and I will not be responsible for that. I will not do it."

Her co-defendants backed her up, commented on the contempt charges:

> "If there is any element of contempt in this situation, it is the contemptible effort of the Justice Dept. to salvage a morally and constitutionally bankrupt case by resorting to this vindictive and prejudicial device."

Before Mrs. Yates left the stand she was cited 11 more times for contempt; theoretically, she could face a life-time in jail under indeterminate sentences for each count.

TEN REST: Mrs. Yates was the first witness for the defense. Earlier the prosecution had been startled when, at the conclusion of four months of testimony from 22 government witnesses, ten of the defendants announced they rested their case and would offer no testimony in their own behalf; their argument: that the government had proved nothing against them but membership or leadership in the CP. They said:

> "The Justice Dept. has declared that membership in the Communist Party is no crime. The same principle was enunciated by Congress in the McCarran Act which specifically provides that Communist Party membership or officership is not in itself a violation of the law. Now the Justice Dept. can put up or shut up. If the Justice Dept. meant what it said in its public declarations, it should, in good faith, drop the proceedings against the ten who have rested. If it persists in the prosecution, then its declarations were double-talk designed to allay the fears of the people at the far-reaching implications of such repressive trials."

The defense explained that the four who will take the stand are convinced there is no case against them either, but

> ". . . prosecution witnesses have attributed to them isolated verbal statements that could—by stretching imagination and discounting the credibility of paid informers—be construed as hinting at a suggestion of advocacy of violence. These four desire a chance to refute such fabrications, as well as to spike libels and slanders against the Communist Party. . . ."

But last week the remaining three, in view of the punishment given Mrs. Yates, announced through their atttorneys they would not take the witness stand to subject themselves to the "vindictive vengeance" of the prosecution by asking about others questions it knew they would not answer.

Defense motions for a directed verdict of acquittal were denied; defense arguments included the contention that

> ". . . this is, in fact, a trial of books, and not a trial of people or their actions, because the government has failed utterly to establish by evidence the use to which the defendants put the stacks of books that have been introduced."

N. Y.: LAUTNER HAZY: In the New York Smith Act trial of 16 Communist leaders, the government's second witness John Lautner, expelled from the CP as a police agent early in 1950 after 20 years' membership, was having his troubles under cross-examination. His brilliant memory under direct examination—he remembered details from the early Thirties—became hazy and vague as to events as late as 1945. He found it impossible to give "yes" and "no" answers to questions about CP aims and policies.

Although he had testified that the first contact he made with the FBI was not until eight months after his expulsion, he admitted that a card found in his Pary office desk bearing the name and phone number of FBI special agent John W. Ryan was in his handwriting and that it had been there "for a long time." He had at first denied any knowledge of a John W. Ryan. Lautner objected to being called an informer, insisted he is "a research worker and a consultant for the Dept. of Justice," but admitted his sole income for 1951 came from the FBI.

BAIL FUND DISSOLVED: Other Smith Act developments:

- The N.Y. State Atty. General won a court order for the dissolution of the Civil Rights Congress' Bail Fund, used in Communist and other cases, and announced he had turned over to the FBI—"in the interests of national security"—the names of its 6,442 contributors. Four of the Fund's trustees last year served prison terms for contempt for their refusal to reveal the names.
- In Pittsburgh a motion for a new trial for Steve Nelson, CP leader there, was denied and his bail revoked; he is under conviction of violating a st[illegible] sedition law, is now under a Smith Act indictment.
- In Asheville, N.C., arguments in the appeal against the conviction of six Smith Act victims of Baltimore were concluded.
- Trial of Smith Act cases in Honolulu was set for Sept. 29.

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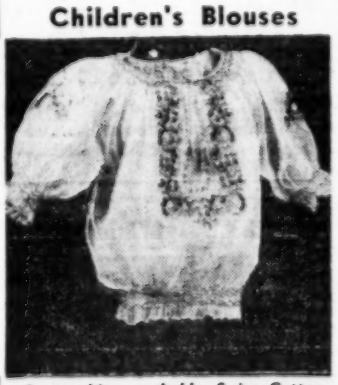

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GUARDIAN's special correspondent John Peet reported:

> Not only in the speeches but also on the fringe of the conference the question of the U. S. was always prominent. There was much talk of U. S. aggression and germ warfare, of course, but there was also much talk of the other America. The few U. S. delegates to the council meeting were snowed under with requests for interviews by progressive journalists, who wanted to be able to present their readers with a picture of the America which, true to its great traditions, is fighting for real peace and democracy.

AN OFFER OF HELP: The vital role of Americans for peace was stressed in the opening address of Council President Frederic Joliot-Curie, Nobel prize winner in physics, who said:

> "How can the American people reconcile the principles of freedom, humanity and social progress, which they invoke, with the fact that wherever American aid is given, governments come into power which are the enemies of social progress, freedom and honesty? . . . We must help the American people out of the isolation in which they are being kept. We must tell them the truth about the consequences of the policy which they are supporting, and help to make them conscious of the responsibility which rests on their shoulders. The preparations for the World Peace Congress would be a good opportunity for the millions of men and women who are treading the road of peace to write to millions of people in the U. S. and help to open their eyes."

FRIENDSHIP IN BERLIN
Heinz Willman (r), chairman of the German Peace Committee, welcomes Rev. John Darr of the U. S., member of the World Peace Council staff.

EHRENBURG SPEAKS: Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet author, stressed the same note, declared his people want peace with all Americans. He noted the existence in the U. S. of a "Society for the Liberation of Russia," emphasized that no "Society for the Liberation of America" has been formed in his country. He added:

> "It is time the average American understood that the Russians are not massing to deprive him of his Ford and that the Chinese have no intention of meddling with television programs in the U. S. and that the Koreans do not lust after Mr. Smith's refrigerator. . . ."

Americans are quite free, he said, to pursue their own way of life without interference from any other peoples. He recommended the U. S. people send a large delegation to the coming Congress representing all classes and every political party and view:

> "I desire only to say that in the persons of the Soviet delegates they will find friends."

LATIN AMERICA

Mexican election fraud laid to govt.

AN ESTIMATED 5,000,000 Mexican men voted for President last Sunday (women are permitted to vote only for certain local offices). How they voted was still not certain at press-time. Conflicting claims and charges of wholesale fraud by the government kept the nation tense. In the capital four died and 50 were injured in post-election riots that foreshadowed perhaps worse to come. Major candidates were:

• ADOLFO RUIZ CORTINES, named by outgoing President Miguel Aleman as his successor, backed by the ruling Party of Revolutionary Institutions (PRI), responsible for backsliding of Mexican revolution, thinly disguised pro-U. S. party. Cortines had vote counting machinery.

• GEN. MIGUEL HENRIQUEZ GUZMAN, landowner, friend of much loved ex-President Lazaro Cardenas. Agreed with Communist Party, Partido Popular on common platform for economic, political independence and united support for certain local candidates. Headed Federation of People's Parties, ran campaign which drew wide support.

• VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, peace supporter, head of progressive Latin American Workers Fedn., vice-president of World Federation of Trade Unions, candidate of the Partido Popular and the Communist Party. For first time in many years in outright opposition to the government. CP criticized Toledano for not making stronger efforts to bring all opposition parties behind one candidate. Seemed to have considerable support.

• EFREN GONZALEZ LUNA of Party of National Action, took part in Cristero counter-revolution of 1927, backed by Church hierarchy Rightist, he ran leisurely campaign, generally expected to come in last.

MANY VICTORS: The campaign, which saw the first real opposition to Aleman, had been vigorous, at times bloody. Yet two days after election the government, on the basis of a preliminary count, gave Ruiz Cortines 87% of the vote, Gonzalez Luna second place with 6%, Henriquez Guzman 5%, Toledano 2%. The figures seemed hard to believe.

No party conceded Ruiz Cortines' election, each held its own "victory" celebration. Lombardo Toledano said he would resist the PRI's claims to victory but "only by peaceful legal means." Gen. Henriquez Guzman, also denying PRI's victory after Monday's riots, said: "I am ready to comply with the people's will—I will do what the people order."

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